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Michael Powell, Esq.

Chairman, Federal Communications Commission Washington, DC

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Sir,

The 'horse may be out of the barn' for past FCC sins of omission, but that simply makes it all the more essential that the 5 of you stand strong on behalf of the public that OWNS the 'ether' the communication giants overwhelm...as if they owned the airways !!

The immediate problem is that John(and Mary)Q.Public are asleep at the dial; or more correctly, know nothing about what you all are considering...

> YOU MUST HOLD OFF ANY DISCISIONS UNTIL THERE IS A FULL DISCUSSION OF THE DETAILS WITH WHICH YOUR LABORING!

For your reputations, but more importantly, for the essential good of this Nation, let us have a series of 'town hall'-like meetings around the country to involve the public in your decision making. If you don't a most precious FREEDOM will be lost, forever.PLEASE share with us;don't sell us out. Respectfully James D.Griff

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Friday, May 09, 2003

The Honorable Kathleen Q. Abernathy Commissioner Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, SW Washington, DC 20554

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Tioga, Pa. May 9, 2003

The Honorable Kevin J. Martin Commissioner Federal Communication Commission 114 12th Street SW Washington, DC 29557

**Dear Commissioner Martin:** 

I understand the present ban of cross-ownership of media sources was intended to have information provided by a diversity of owners and to ensure that when Americans turn on the TV, they're exposed to an array of ideas, representing the full spectrum of political thought.

In addition to forbidding a company from owning two major TV stations in the same market, or a major newspaper and a top station, the rules also put a 35 percent cap on how much of the public one network can reach.

I fear that if the present cross-ownership rules are dropped we will have just a few people make the decision about the news and opinions all of us are permitted to hear.

This would be almost as bad as having the government control the information content.

Please keep the media cross-ownership ban in effect.

Thank you,

James P. Condict

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Kevin J. Martin Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., SW Washington, D.C. 20554

Mr. Martin, I am opposed to the proposal that would allow conglome to own unlimited numbers of television stations, eliminating competi

The majority of newspapers already are owned by large chains. We certainly don't need to have every form of the mass media controlled few corporations.

These media giants spent \$111.3 million to lobby for this proposal in last five years. As a member of Common Cause/North Carolina I belithis connection between big media and big money lobbying is destrute our democratic system, and would be more so under the proposal.

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I urge you to vote against it.

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As always we wish you well,

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Please do *not* relax the current broadcast ownership rules that are designed to prevent media monopolies. Thank you for your consideration.

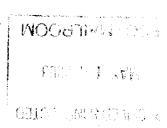
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